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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS
TO THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

Twenty-four regular meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation were held in 1954 commencing with the 17th on 8 January and ending with the 40th on 29 November. Authorized members represent the following agencies:

Department of State
Department of the Army
Department of the Navy
Department of the Air Force
National Security Agency
Atomic Energy Commission
United States Information Agency
Central Intelligence Agency

Having established the USSR program in 1953 the Subcommittee made detailed surveys of the exploitation of foreign language publications from the remaining areas in 1954. These areas in the order of their examination were:

- 1) China
- 2) World-wide scientific and technical publications
- 3) Eastern European Satellites
- 4) Southeast Asia
- 5) Near East
- 6) India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Africa
- 7) Western and Northern Europe
- 8) Japan, Korea
- 9) Latin America

The surveys encompassed:

- a) the detailed examination of the continuing needs of the various agencies for information in the areas;
- b) existing governmental and nongovernmental facilities for exploitation of the publications and their capacity to satisfy any of the stated needs of the various agencies; and
- c) source material available including a determination of that currently exploited which should be dropped and that not exploited which should be covered.

After these facts were determined the Subcommittee recommended and Chief, FDD concurred in what should be done by FDD/CIA to satisfy those continuing requirements of the various agencies which could not be met by other facilities. FDD/CIA drafted proposed programs including the coverage, periodicity and type of reporting the Division could undertake to meet these requirements and still reserve a portion of its manpower to meet the ad hoc requirements of the IAC agency consumers. After discussion by the Subcommittee these programs were then put into effect by FDD/CIA. Two hundred and thirty reports were produced in these programs. (See Appendix A for resulting periodic program reports now being produced by FDD/CIA.)

By agreement with the Department of the Air Force the work of abstracting scientific and technical periodicals has been divided between Air Intelligence Division, Air Technical Intelligence Center, and Foreign Documents Division/CIA. Of the 54 titles needed by the intelligence consumers AID is abstracting 11, ATIC 24, and FDD 19.

During 1955 one area program will be completely reviewed each month to determine whether any adjustments in coverage, format or periodicity are desired. Thus, each report will be formally re-examined each six months in order that the effort may always be geared to changing priorities and requirements. Continual working level liaison between FDD/CIA and the various consumers will also be continued in order to insure the maximum effectiveness of authorized manpower in the Division. The Subcommittee will endeavor to determine what additional coverage is necessary beyond the capacity of currently authorized manpower to meet the urgent needs of the intelligence community with the view of making specific recommendations on augmentation of current facilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this annual report be approved by the NSCID-16 Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications.

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